



## **Brownfields 2017 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet**

### ***The Trust for Public Land, Los Angeles, CA***

#### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

#### **Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program**

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

#### **Project Description**

***\$200,000.00***

EPA has selected the Trust for Public Land as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. The Trust for Public Land will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Los Angeles River and Verdugo Wash Confluence Study Area in the City of Los Angeles. Many of the parcels in the area are zoned as heavy industrial, and the area has a relatively high burden of pollution, cleanup sites, hazardous waste, and groundwater threats. The catalyst site is the 2.5-acre American Reclamation property, a full service solid waste collection and recycling company that has been operating for over 50 years. The area-wide study will look at strategies to redevelop this section of land along the river, including efforts to reintroduce some the river's natural features and systems, while expanding on prior investments, planning, and community involvement. The redevelopment and revitalization of properties along the Los Angeles River offer the potential for the river to serve as both a regional destination and a resource for adjacent communities. Key partners who will work with the Trust for Public Land on this project include the City of Los Angeles, LA RiverWorks, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Friends of the Los Angeles River, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Mia Lehrer and Associates.

#### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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